languages are to be considered for adoption as alternative media for all India and Higher Central Services Examinations.

(iii) Languages used in printing denominations on currency notes are from amongst those included in the Eighth Schedule.

(iv) Recognition by institutions like Sahitya Academy and National Book Trust is *ordinarily* restricted to the languages included in the Eighth Schedule. (However, Sahitya Academy has recognised other languages also, e.g. Maithili Manipuri, Dogri, Nepali etc. for the purposes of giving awards for excellence in literary writings published in those languages. National Book Trust have also an 'Adan Praden Scheme' for bringing out translations of outstanding literary works published in any of the Eighth Schedule languages in all other languages of the Eighth Schedule.)

(v) According to theAuthorised Translation (Central Laws) Act, 1973, translation of Central Acts, Ordinances, Orders, etc. is to be done in the languages of the Eighth Schedule.

(vi) The Ministry of Human Resource Development confine financial assistance for the development of languages which are included in the Eighth Schedule.

(vii) Enlargement of Eighth Schedule will increase the scope for a larger number of non-citizens qualifying for citizenship in terms of clause (f) of Third Schedule to the Citizenship Act, 1955, which requires that an applicant for citizenship should have and adequate knowledge of one of the languages in the Eighth Schedule.

Nationalist Forces in J & K

1881. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of nationalist forces in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details of locations of these forces, district-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action to ensure their protection in the wake of terrorist activities taking place in the State at present;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (e) Due to fear psychosis, the nationalist forces in Kashmir Valley are at present dormant. The Government are taking all possible steps to contain and isolate the terrorists.

Fax Machines

1882. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that FAX machines are now a most common and efficient tool for communications;

(b) what steps are being taken to make the availability of FAX machines easier and speedier to the consumer; and

(c) whether Government propose to permit imports till such time that manufacture of FAX machines is undertaken in adequate number?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps are being taken to identify and promote more industrial units to manufacture FAX machines.

(c) Imports are permitted on case to case basis.

Allotment of Shops by NDMC to persons belonging to SC/ST

1883. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of shops leased out by the New Delhi Municipal Committee under various shopping complexes and other schemes;

(b) how many of them have been allotted to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(c) what are the terms and conditions of leasing out such shopping points; and

(d) whether any preferences is being given to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) N.D.M.C. do not allot shops on lease basis.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Bomb Blasts in Reserved Passenger Coaches

1884. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some incidents of bomb blasts have been reported in some reserved passenger coaches during this month; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime on the railways is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police which functions under the control of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. However, the Government of Haryana have informed that one bomb blast occurred in Second Class three tier reserved passenger coach of Shalimar Express train on 1st March, 1990 at Ambala Cantonment Railway Station in which three passengers were killed and thirteen sustained grievous injuries and seven others sustained simple injuries.

Satellite Capacities of 'Arabsat' and 'Stationar' taken on lease by Doordarshan

1885. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has taken on lease the satellite capacity of 'Arabsat' and 'Stationar'; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?